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To: [Gray, David](#); [Enders, Jhana](#); [Carroll, Craig](#); [Peterson, Mary](#); [Rauscher, Jon](#)
Subject: RE: Air Monitoring statement ASAP
Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 7:57:33 AM

Like your statement but I thought that it could be a little streamlined ..see below

From: Gray, David
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 7:36 AM
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Subject: Air Monitoring statement ASAP

Any concerns with this statement ?

Draft Draft Draft

EPA continues to conduct ambient air monitoring in Houston, and is focusing on an area of potential concern associated with reported air emissions from a Valero facility in Houston. EPA has been on-scene conducting real-time air monitoring near the facility. None of the readings collected by EPA have been above screening levels for volatile organic compounds in the air. EPA continues to investigate complaints in the area. EPA's Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) air monitoring bus will monitor concentrations of air pollutants in southeast Houston around the Valero Refinery today.

Background:

The TAGA is a self-contained mobile laboratory capable of real-time monitoring, sampling and analysis of pollutants in outdoor air. The instrumentation refers both to the analytical

instrument and the mobile laboratory built around it. Instruments aboard the TAGA include: A mass spectrometer/mass spectrometer that measures real-time monitoring for many organic and inorganic compounds at the part-per-billion by volume (ppbv) levels or lower. An Agilent gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer, which analyzes volatile organic compounds at the ppbv level or lower in air samples collected in Tedlar® bags using a loop injection system. A global positioning system, which supplies accurate, real-time positional data during mobile monitoring or stationary events.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 4:38 PM
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Subject: FW: Wall Street Journal interview request

Does anyone have this information?

From: Evans, Melanie [<mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2017 5:30 PM
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Subject: Re: Wall Street Journal interview request

Hello Liz,

Can I find out what type of oversight or involvement the EPA has at Valero Partners Houston, which has reported a release of benzene from Harvey-related damage. What kind of air monitoring has the EPA conducted there and what has that monitoring determined?

Melanie

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On Mon, Sep 4, 2017 at 1:36 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Melanie – Let me see if a technical expert is available to talk with you. Thank you – Liz

From: Evans, Melanie [mailto:melanie.evans@wsj.com]
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Subject: Wall Street Journal interview request

Hello,

This is Melanie Evans at the Wall Street Journal. If someone's free in the next two hours, I am hoping to interview someone at the EPA about efforts to monitor air quality in Texas communities affected by Hurricane Harvey. I am pulling together a story about initial reports from companies to the TCEQ on air emissions events.

I am now in New York and can be reached at [212-416-3708](tel:212-416-3708).

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